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1 PROCEEDINGS

2 CHAIRPERSON BROWN: Good morning. We will call
3 this meeting to order. Thank you all for your indulgence
4 in delaying the meeting slightly this morning to start at
5 10:35.

6 I wanted to take a brief second and introduce to
7 all of those of you present and on the line Kristen
8 Garner, who has been appointed by the Governor to serve as
9 my executive assistant. She will be managing the meeting
10 today. And she joined us on June 1st. She came from the
11 Governor's office. She had had four years experience
12 there working for both Governor Davis and Governor
13 Schwarzenegger, and very capably handled the Governor's
14 schedule for the last almost two years. So -- pardon me?

15 I'm sorry we don't have cake and punch, Kris.

16 (Laughter.)

17 CHAIRPERSON BROWN: Next week. Okay?

18 I can't eat it either. There's carrots in my
19 office after the meeting though.

20 (Laughter.)

21 CHAIRPERSON BROWN: And also, Mark, thank you
22 very much for sharing Jennine Harris with me and Member
23 Danzinger for the last several months. Juggling three of
24 us I'm sure was more than a challenge. But Jennine
25 handled it capably. So thank you very much.

1 And then also I wanted to congratulate Member
2 Wiggins for receiving the most votes of any candidate in
3 the state in the election yesterday.

4 Congratulations.

5 (Applause.)

6 CHAIRPERSON BROWN: Not that we're happy about
7 that. We know what that means. But congratulations.

8 And now I will turn it over to our Executive
9 Director, Mark Leary, for a special presentation.

10 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LEARY: Thank you, Madam
11 Chair. And as we welcome a new staffer in Kristen, and
12 again welcome from all of us, we also bid farewell to a
13 very talented and appreciated member of our staff as they
14 move on to retirement. He's rolling his eyes. He's
15 surprised, as this was intended to be a surprise for Mr.
16 Doug Ralston, who is moving on to the pastures of
17 retirement.

18 And the Board has a resolution that the Board has
19 all signed that I would like to read for you, Doug, if I
20 might.

21 (Laughter.)

22 INFORMATION MANAGEMENT BRANCH MANAGER RALSTON: I
23 thought this was a little strange.

24 (Applause.)

25 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LEARY: Why don't I go up

1 there.

2 Resolution 2006-111 honors Mr. Doug Ralston.

3 Whereas, Doug Ralston began his career in state
4 service in March of 1975 as a student assistant in the
5 Department of Parks and Rec, working his way up through
6 the ranks, until downsizing in 1992 was their misfortune
7 and our good fortune and brought him to the Integrated
8 Waste Management Board.

9 Whereas, Doug's experience with grants and
10 information technology will prove very useful -- did prove
11 very useful also -- as he first lent his talents to the
12 Policy Office, becoming involved with -- there's a whole
13 list of acronyms here, and some of them -- as long as I've
14 been around here, I don't know what some of these are --
15 WIS, PIP, TQM I know. Then moving on to the Information
16 Management Branch where he leveraged his background in
17 RAD/JAD -- I should ask Doug actually -- SDLC, PDQ -- I'm
18 not sure -- on such projects as the Grants Management
19 System, the Waste Tire Management System, BODS, Arms, EAR,
20 Swiss, Paris, et cetera.

21 And, whereas, Doug took a particularly active
22 role in two large complex and highly profiled systems, the
23 Grant Management System and the Waste Tire Management
24 System, using his leadership and communication skills to
25 go above and beyond the call of duty, and working with

1 staff, management, the Board and stakeholders to ensure
2 their success.

3 I'll personally testify this guy was slinging
4 tires with the stakeholders in preparation for preparing
5 the Waste Tire Management System, as I know Sheryl will
6 attest.

7 Whereas, Doug provided skillful leadership,
8 developing a staff that consistently provides a high level
9 of customer service in the face of tight resources and
10 ever increasing demands for information technology
11 services.

12 Whereas, Doug acted as a valuable liaison between
13 program managers and information technology staff, and was
14 able to explain technical issues in a non-technical manner
15 and carry out his duties in a professional demeanor with
16 an upbeat attitude that built positive working
17 relationships with staff, management and the Board.

18 And, whereas, Doug will be greatly missed by his
19 staff and co-workers, having exemplified the best
20 qualities of a manager, always available to listen to
21 staff, assist in sticky situations, and boost morale on a
22 daily basis, as well as with the holiday antics where he
23 was part of the men in tights.

24 (Laughter.)

25 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LEARY: And, whereas, Doug's

1 work is -- we'll have to take that tape out.

2 (Laughter.)

3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LEARY: Whereas, Doug's work
4 is contributing greatly to the Board's mission of managing
5 the estimated 76 million tons of waste generated each year
6 by reducing waste whenever possible, promoting the
7 management of all materials to the highest and best use
8 and protecting public health, safety and the environment.

9 So now therefore be it resolved, that the
10 Integrated Waste Management Board, in appreciation for his
11 outstanding work and dedicated service, does hereby
12 commend Doug Ralston for his exemplary contributions to
13 the State of California and of course wishes him all the
14 best in retirement and future endeavors.

15 Signed by the Board.

16 (Applause.)

17 (Standing applause.)

18 INFORMATION MANAGEMENT BRANCH MANAGER RALSTON:

19 Go ahead and say a few words?

20 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LEARY: Sure. Please do.

21 INFORMATION MANAGEMENT BRANCH MANAGER RALSTON:

22 Thank you.

23 Wow. I was -- I am very surprised at this. I
24 asked Jim, I said, "Jim, what's this all about?" And he
25 says, oh, just some general things the Chair may be asking

1 of me. And I said, "Well, what kind of things so I can
2 get prepared." And he says, "Just be there. You'll
3 handle it okay."

4 So thank you all very much. This is very
5 humbling. And just to let you know that I really do
6 appreciate the time here at the Board. I've been here 15
7 years plus. And certainly at the Board no two days are
8 the same. I think we all know that. And there have been
9 some rough spots, no doubt. But it's always been made
10 smooth by a little humor here and there and working
11 through the problems with some people who are dedicated to
12 moving through the problem.

13 So I really do have to commend my staff from the
14 Information Management Branch, many of whom I hired, for
15 their support. Certainly things get done through people.
16 And we managers sometimes take the credit when in fact
17 it's been they who provided the service and all the
18 quality that goes into that service. And with IMB we're
19 particularly proud to have these folks.

20 I've been in two situations where I've had the
21 opportunity to create a program or a unit from scratch per
22 se. And one of those times was when I came here to the
23 Board and was given the responsibility starting the
24 Application Services Unit or the Systems Analysis and
25 Development Unit. And one of the challenges I gave to my

1 staff at that time was, "If you've seen it done somewhere
2 else wrong, this is where we're going to do it right."
3 And so we began to implement some standards, both in terms
4 of how we approach systems but also in the implementation
5 of the technology. And through the support of the Exec
6 and the Board members, I think we've achieved a pretty
7 good record in terms of those kinds of services and those
8 kinds of applications.

9 So really the credit goes to these folks. And
10 also the opportunity to work with you all for these past
11 15 years. I really appreciate it. Thank you very much.

12 (Applause.)

13 CHAIRPERSON BROWN: Thank you, Doug.

14 Now I think we need to call the roll. Kristen.

15 COMMITTEE SECRETARY GARNER: Members Mulé?

16 COMMITTEE MEMBER MULÉ: Here.

17 COMMITTEE SECRETARY GARNER: Petersen?

18 COMMITTEE MEMBER PETERSEN: Here.

19 COMMITTEE SECRETARY GARNER: Brown?

20 CHAIRPERSON BROWN: Here.

21 And I'd like to acknowledge and thank Members
22 Peace, Wiggins and Danzinger for joining us as well.

23 We will move next to the Deputy Director's
24 Report.

25 Mr. Lee.

1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair.

2 And good morning, Board members. My name is Jim Lee. I'm
3 Deputy Director of the Special Waste Division.

4 Madam Chair, I know that Mr. Ralston's departed
5 the room now. But, again -- and, you know, I was very
6 pleased to kind of play my role to get him here. Although
7 I had to invoke the Board Chair's name to accomplish that.
8 But hopefully I'll be forgiven for that.

9 But, again, I just wanted to say what a privilege
10 and a pleasure it was, you know, to work with Doug. All
11 of the things that he -- you know, he was responsible for.
12 You know, he not only was, you know, familiar with all of
13 the arcane intricacies of the information technology area,
14 but more importantly was able to translate that into
15 actual productive work, you know, in the programs and
16 divisions.

17 But what I liked about Doug is he could always --
18 you know, you told him about a problem and he could get
19 the job done and deliver you some tangible results.

20 And so he will be sorely missed and I'll miss him
21 personally.

22 So thank you for that indulgence, Madam Chair.
23 And with that, since -- again, that was all that I had on
24 the Deputy Director's report. No special items. I think
25 we have been keeping the Board abreast of developments

1 through our weekly report situation. There's nothing else
2 that I wanted to bring to the Board's attention this
3 morning.

4 So with your permission, I'd be prepare to move
5 on to the first item on the agenda.

6 CHAIRPERSON BROWN: Thank you. Go ahead.

7 If there are any members of the audience who wish
8 to speak, the speaker sheets are in the back. Didn't
9 remind everybody of that. And just bring them up to
10 Kristen.

11 We'll move to consideration of Agenda Item B,
12 Board Item 9.

13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair.

14 Committee Item B is Consideration of the Grant
15 Awards for the Used Oil Opportunity Grant Program (Eighth
16 Cycle). It's out of the Used Oil Recycling Fund for
17 Fiscal Year 2005-6.

18 The Committee may recall that again back in
19 January they approved the used oil allocation item. There
20 was discussion at that time and Board direction basically
21 to put an opportunity grant on the street. We did so in
22 short order. I think I'm pleased with the results of that
23 particular effort, which staff is going to relate to you
24 today.

25 We've had in, I think -- well, I sent you a copy

1 of a note from one particular applicant that is not
2 recommended for funding, and we'll be -- I guess with the
3 City of Citrus Heights -- and we'll be pleased to discuss
4 that situation as part of our presentation.

5 I'll now ask Alan White and Bonnie Cornwall to
6 make the remainder of the staff presentation.

7 (Thereupon an overhead presentation was
8 Presented as follows.)

9 MR. WHITE: Good morning Chair Brown and members.

10 First off, I'm glad I was here. I worked with
11 Doug in 1975 at Parks and Recreation. So it was like it's
12 great to see. He and some lady named Heather Fargo were
13 students at Parks and Rec back then. And so it makes you
14 feel old, but on the other hand it's neat to see people's
15 careers and especially how much they affect people through
16 all those years, Doug and Heather both in their own way.

17 But I'm here for something else today. And, that
18 is, to talk to you about the awards for the eighth cycle
19 of the Used Oil Opportunity Grant Program.

20 --o0o--

21 MR. WHITE: You already know the answers to this.
22 What are opportunity grants? But I'll remind you again
23 that as directed by statute opportunity grants are
24 competitive grants available to local governments to
25 provide supplemental collection opportunities to enhance

1 their local used oil collection programs. Local
2 governments are the only eligible applicants.

3 Funding must be used to enhance already
4 established used oil block grant programs and should not
5 be used for ongoing operational or maintenance costs that
6 cannot be sustained by the annual block grant funding.

7 --o0o--

8 MR. WHITE: We received 16 qualified applications
9 requesting over \$2,160,478. Out of that, eight received a
10 passing score. And they are requesting \$1,212,161 out of
11 available 1,600,000.

12 --o0o--

13 MR. WHITE: As Jim mentioned, that you remember
14 in February you approved the criteria for this program.
15 And they had four priority program areas where they could
16 get additional points. One was if they proposed an oil
17 filter collection program, which evaluation shows that 90
18 percent of the do-it-yourself oil filters are thrown away.
19 So funds available for grantees to purchase equipment and
20 conduct events is what we were after.

21 Six projects -- six oil filter projects were
22 proposed. Three passed and are recommended.

23 For marinas, only about third of California's
24 marinas have used oil collection facilities. We had one
25 project proposed and one was recommended.

1 --o0o--

2 MR. WHITE: For curbside, 60 percent of the
3 feasible communities already have a curbside collection
4 program in place. Two projects were proposed. Both were
5 recommended.

6 And used oil collection facilities, six were
7 proposed and two were recommended.

8 --o0o--

9 MR. WHITE: This is pretty brief, but in close we
10 ask that the Board approve the \$1,212,161 for the
11 2005-2006 UOG grant (Eighth Cycle) and to approve
12 Resolution 2006-92.

13 CHAIRPERSON BROWN: Thank you, Alan.

14 Any questions from Board members?

15 No questions?

16 Can I have a motion?

17 COMMITTEE MEMBER MULÉ: Madam Chair, I'd like to
18 move Resolution 2006-92.

19 COMMITTEE MEMBER PETERSEN: I'll second that.

20 CHAIRPERSON BROWN: It's been moved by Member
21 Mulé and seconded by Member Petersen.

22 Kristen, can you call the roll.

23 COMMITTEE SECRETARY GARNER: Members Mulé?

24 COMMITTEE MEMBER MULÉ: Aye.

25 COMMITTEE SECRETARY GARNER: Petersen?

1 COMMITTEE MEMBER PETERSEN: Aye.

2 COMMITTEE SECRETARY GARNER: Brown?

3 CHAIRPERSON BROWN: Aye.

4 And we'll put that on fiscal consent.

5 Now Item No. 10.

6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair.

7 Agenda Item 10 is Consideration of Grant Awards
8 for the Targeted Rubberized Asphalt Concrete Incentive
9 Grant Program. It's the Tire Recycling Management Fund
10 for Fiscal Year 2005-6.

11 Madam Chair, this has been one of our more
12 popular programs. Again, the Board approved I think
13 earlier in the spring a consideration for going to
14 basically a monthly grant award. I think it's been very
15 well received, you know, by the local jurisdictions. I
16 think that has helped us to, you know, basically move the
17 large amount of dollars that we have in this particular
18 program and, you know, put them out to beneficial use in
19 the communities.

20 This morning we're going to report to you on some
21 other approved applications that will basically utilize
22 the fund resources we have available, plus a nominal bit
23 more, which we have covered based on the Board's decisions
24 with a May reallocation last month.

25 So I'll now ask Nate Gauff to give you the

1 particulars on the jurisdictions that are being
2 recommended for grant funding this month.

3 MR. GAUFF: Good morning. There are four grant
4 applicants being recommended for this award cycle. This
5 is the fifth cycle of the Targeted Rubberized Asphalt
6 Incentive Grant Program.

7 On this list we have City of El Monte for
8 recommended funding of 150,000; City of Lancaster
9 recommended funding, 150,000; City of Torrance for
10 150,000. City of Sanger we're recommending 175,000. And
11 if you look at the resolution, it's split from A to B only
12 because at 122,000 we fully expend the allocation that was
13 made for this program of 3,577,000 for this year.

14 So there's 53,000 remaining out of that grant
15 that could either be funded out of reallocation; or if
16 it's not funded out of reallocation, there is a provision
17 in the program that it will be pulled out of next year's
18 funds to fully fund that grant when those funds become
19 available.

20 Are there any questions?

21 CHAIRPERSON BROWN: Any questions?

22 I think our direction at last month's meeting was
23 to pull it from reallocation funds.

24 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: That is correct, Madam
25 Chair.

1 CHAIRPERSON BROWN: So I assume that that will be
2 the case.

3 Any questions from any Board members?

4 Can I have a motion?

5 COMMITTEE MEMBER MULÉ: Madam Chair, I'd like to
6 move Resolution 2006-101 revised.

7 COMMITTEE MEMBER PETERSEN: I'll second that.

8 CHAIRPERSON BROWN: It's been moved by member
9 Mulé and seconded by Member Petersen.

10 Kristen, can you call the roll.

11 COMMITTEE SECRETARY GARNER: Members Mulé?

12 COMMITTEE MEMBER MULÉ: Aye.

13 COMMITTEE SECRETARY GARNER: Petersen?

14 COMMITTEE MEMBER PETERSEN: Aye.

15 COMMITTEE SECRETARY GARNER: Brown?

16 CHAIRPERSON BROWN: Aye. And we'll put that on
17 fiscal consent as well.

18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair.

19 CHAIRPERSON BROWN: That takes care of our
20 agenda.

21 Do we have any public comment?

22 Any Board comment?

23 I guess we adjourn this meeting.

24 (Thereupon the Special Waste

25 Committee adjourned at 10:52)

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